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SUBJ: AMERICANS TRAVELING TO LAOS

1. CANADIAN EMBOFF VISITING FROM BANGKOK AT PRESENT TOLD US JULY 24 THAT AS OF JULY 21 LAO EMBASSY BANGKOK WAS REQUIRING THAT CANADIANS APPLYING FOR LAO VISAS FIRST OBTAIN LETTERS FROM CANADIAN EMBASSY ATTESTING TO THEIR PROFESSIONS. WE ASSUME THIS IS IN CONNECTION WITH NEW LAO REGULATIONS ON VISAS FOR JOURNALISTS, ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK.

2. NEW LAO REQUIREMENT SEEMS TO OFFER OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO REDUCE TRAVEL OF AMERICANS TO LAOS. RECENT CASES OF CONWAY AND CORCORAN (LATTER HAPPILY RELEASED JULY 24) INDICATE THAT WE CAN NO LONGER OFFER NORMAL CONSULAR PROTECTION. OVERALL U.S. POLICY IS TO MINIMIZE NUMBER OF AMERICANS, OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL, IN LAOS.

3. WE SUGGEST, THEREFORE, IF SUCH LETTERS ARE REQUIRED
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OF AMERICANS AS WELL, EMBASSY BANGKOK (UNLESS DEPARTMENT

OBJECTS) DECLINE TO ISSUE THEM EXCEPT TO BONAFIDE JOURNALISTS,
LONGTIME RESIDENTS OF LAOS, AND BUSINESSMEN.
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